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INTER LINKING OF MILITARY HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to interlink all military hospitals to a Central Network for providing maximum medical facilities to the needy Army personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also planning to link private hospitals with the Military Hospitals in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the general public will be permitted to get specialized treatment in these hospitals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There is a project to inter-link all military hospitals by providing Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) connectivity. This will facilitate transmission of alphanumeric data as well as images like X-ray, Ultrasound, Computed Tomography (CT) Scan, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) alongwith Video Conferencing facility. Presently, telemedicine facility is available between Army Hospital (Research & Referral) Delhi Cantt and a few border Military Hospitals.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above question does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) In view of (e) above question does not arise.